

**REPORT/RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA
AND RECORD OF ACTION**

FEBRUARY 29, 2000

**FROM: KEITH LEE
JOBS AND EMPLOYMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT**

SUBJECT: JOB TRAINING PARTNERSHIP ACT (JTPA) LOCAL CLOSEOUT PLAN

RECOMMENDATION: Approve San Bernardino County's JTPA Local Closeout Plan.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: On August 7, 1998, the President signed the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) which establishes a new system for providing employment and training services. Pursuant to the Act, full implementation of WIA must occur by July 1, 2000. States and their subrecipients and vendors will cease all JTPA program operations no later than June 30, 2000. After that date only grant closeout activities will be allowed under JTPA. With the repeal of the JTPA legislation, it is critical that States and local areas begin to plan for the closeout of existing grants. The closeout of JTPA and the start up of the new WIA program will occur simultaneously.

The United States Department of Labor (DOL), Employment and Training Administration, requires that each Service Delivery Area submit a plan that provides a timeline showing how the Workforce Investment Area will accomplish this mandated closeout of JTPA funds. Complete closeout of the JTPA program must occur by December 31, 2000.

The Closeout Plan consists of a time schedule for the planned completion of JTPA activities, a Participant Transfer Narrative describing in detail the process planned for transfer of JTPA participants to the WIA Program, estimated cost for closeout activities (\$982,904), estimated unobligated funds of the Program Year (PY) 1998 and PY 1999 needed for closeout (\$982,904), and estimated PY 1998 and PY 1999 funds to be transferred to WIA (\$2,466,884).

Approval of this action will assist the County of San Bernardino in transitioning from JTPA to Workforce Investment Act program, thus making the transition seamless for the JTPA program participants as mandated by the Workforce Investment Act.

REVIEW BY OTHERS: The Interim Workforce Investment Board Chairman, Phil Cothran, concurred and signed the Plan. Deputy County Counsel Regina A. Coleman has reviewed and approved the Plan as to legal form.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: Funding is included in the 1999/00 final budget and will be included in the 2000/2001 budget. Approval of this Plan will result in no local cost to the County. Funding is provided through the Federal Job Training Partnership Act and the Workforce Investment Act of 1998.

SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT (S): All Districts.

PRESENTER: Karen Rapponotti, Regional Manager, Jobs and Employment Services Department.

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